



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 28, 2011

H.R. 258

Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act of 2011

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on July 20, 2011

H.R. 258 would require the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to develop, no later than one year after the bill's enactment, a management plan for the Chesapeake Bay Program and restoration activities related to the bay. EPA would be required to update the management plan every two years. The legislation would require new financial reports on the Chesapeake Bay Program from the Office of Management and Budget and would require EPA to appoint an independent evaluator, who would review and report to the Congress on the plan.

Based on information from EPA, CBO estimates that implementing this legislation would cost about \$1 million annually over the 2012-2016 period, subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 258 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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